PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Phytelephas tenuicaulis* (Barfod) A. J. Hend.

**GENUS** *Phytelephas* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Slender ivory palm

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, Seed, Palm heart

## DESCRIPTION

A palm. It usually grows in clusters of up to 8. They are 7 m tall and 8-10 cm across the stem. The leaves are 2-5 m long with 35-75 leaflets on each side. They are opposite and arranged in one plane. The fruiting heads are 15-40 cm wide with about 10 fruit. These are 6-9 cm long. There are about 5 seeds in each fruit.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. They grow in the lowlands on river plains.

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